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CAST:

THE DOCTOR

ACE
THE MASTER
PATERSON
SHREELA
MIDGE
DEREK
KARRA
LITTLE GIRL AT MIDGE'S FLAT
WOMAN COMPLAINING ABOUT CATS

SMALL/NON SPEAKING:

YOUNG MEN IN TRAINING ROOM (DEFENCE GROUP)
TWO CHILDREN PLAYING BY RUBBISH SACKS
CHEETAH PEOPLE ON HORSEBACK

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OB LOCATION EXTERIORS:

Broken Ground
Open Plain
First Perivale Street (Doctor and others appear/Tardis parked)
Balcony/Midge's Flat
Youth Club
Wasteground
Bone Heap

OB LOCATION INTERIORS:

Midge's Flat Motorcycle Showroom Youth Club Training Room

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(REPRISE CLIFFHANGER)

1. EXT. BROKEN GROUND. DAY.

(ON THE PLANET.

ACE LOOKING AT KARRA.

KARRA LOOKING BACK.

ACE HAS MOVED FORWARD CLOSER TO KARRA, THE OTHERS WATCH IN AN ALARMED, HUDDLED GROUP)

KARRA: (PURRS) Come hunting sister.

(ACE HESITATES, HER EYES ARE CATS EYES) THE DOCTOR: Ace wait!

KARRA: Come hunting.

(ACE TAKES A STEP FORWARD)

THE DOCTOR: No ace!

(KARRA GRINS, ALL HER TEETH, SHE WHEELS AND RUNS OFF AT FULL PELT.

ACE LAUGHS AND FOLLOWS, RUNNING FLAT OUT)

SHREELA: Ace!

(THEY WATCH KARRA AND ACE RECEDE, THE SOUND OF ACE'S LAUGHTER AS SHE RUNS.

PATERSON, DEREK AND SHREELA LOOK AT THE DOCTOR)

It's happened. It's happened to her. She's changing.

(THE DOCTOR
IS STILL
LOOKING AFTER
ACE AND KARRA,
FROWNING)

THE DOCTOR: Yes.

PATERSON: Who's next eh? Who's next. If I'd a gun ...

(THE DOCTOR SHUTTING HIM UP)

THE DOCTOR: We'd be in even more trouble than we already are. Right, stay here, I'll go and find her.

PATERSON: Now just a minute ...

THE DOCTOR: (FAKE SMILE) I can leave you in charge can't I Sergeant?

(PATERSON FROWNS)

PATERSON: Well ... if you put it like that ...

(THE DOCTOR
TURNS TO LEAVE,
HE WINKS AT
SHREELA AS
HE PASSES
HER)

SHREELA: But what if more Cheetahs come?

(THE DOCTOR TURNS BACK)

THE DOCTOR: Sit very still and try not to look like hamburger. (cont ...)

(PATERSON AND SHREELA STARE AT THE DOCTOR IN GLUM AND NERVOUS APPREHENSION)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Cheer up. Could be worse ...

(HE LOOKS AT THE SKY)

Could be raining.

(A RUMBLE AND
FIRE AND SMOKE
FROM THE
VOLCANOES ON
THE HORIZON
AS THE DOCTOR
WALKS AWAY
FROM THEM
DOWN THE HILL)

2. EXT. OPEN PLAIN. DAY.

(ACE AND KARRA RUNNING, SLOW MOTION IF POSSIBLE THEY SHOULD SEEM BLURRED LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF SOMETHING TAKEN MOVING AT SPEED.

OVER THIS ECHOEY, THE SOUND OF ACE LAUGHING)

3. EXT. BROKEN GROUND/OPEN PLAIN. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR BENDING OVER THE GROUND, LOOKING AT TRACKS.

HE LOOKS UP OVER THE EMPTY LANDSCAPE TO THE HORIZON)

THE DOCTOR: (MUTTERED) Oh Ace ...

4. EXT. OPEN PLAIN. DAY.

(ACE AND KARRA STANDING SIDE BY SIDE LOOKING UP AT THE SKY LETTING THE RAIN RUN OVER THEIR FACES.

ACE OPENS HER MOUTH TO CATCH IT.

LAUGHS, LOOKS AT KARRA.

THE RAIN IS SLACKENING RAPIDLY, ALTERNATIVELY ITS JUST STOPPED)

ACE: I thought cats hated rain.

(KARRA OPENS HER EYES LOOKS AT ACE)

KARRA: I'm not a cat. I'm Karra.
I'm your sister.

ACE: No you're not.

(KARRA JUST LOOKS AT HER)

Why do you call me that?

KARRA: You're like me.

ACE: Yeah?

KARRA: You will be.

(ACE SMILES UNCERTAINLY)

ACE: This is good. I like feeling like this.

(SHE LOOKS DOWN, FROWNING.

SHE CROUCHES TO PEER AT HERSELF AGAIN IN THE PUDDLES AT THEIR FEET.

THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.

ACE'S REFLECTION IN THE PUDDLES AT THEIR FEET, AS IT STEADIES SHE SEES HER YELLOW EYES.

ACE FROWNING, TRYING TO REMEMBER)

Where's the Doctor?

(KARRA IS SNIFFING THE AIR)

KARRA: Are you hungry?

(ACE LOOKS UP AT HER) ACE: I've got to get back to The Doctor.

KARRA: The Chase ...

ACE: What?

KARRA: The hunt ... Smell the blood
on the wind ...

(RAISES HER FACE TO THE WIND)

Hear the blood in your ears, run, run beyond the horizon and catch your hunger ...

(KARRA GIVES A LONG PURRING YOWL.

ACE LOOKS ROUND.

TWO HORSES ARE TROTTING TOWARDS THEM)

Are you hungry sister?

(SHE RUNS TO THE NEAREST HORSE AND JUMPS ON ITS BACK.

LOOKS BACK AT ACE)

Come hunting.

(ACE GRINS.

SHE RUNS TO THE OTHER HORSE AND PULLS HERSELF ON.

ACE WHOOPS AS KARRA AND HER TURN AND GALLOP OFF)

5. EXT. OPEN PLAIN - ELSEWHERE. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR LOOKING AT THE PRINTS OF HOOVES IN THE WET MUD.

HE LOOKS UP.

CLOSE BY A CHEETAH IS BENT OVER A DEAD ANIMAL.

IT LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR, IT IS CHEWING.

THE DOCTOR STARES AT THE CHEETAH.

THE CHEETAH STARES BACK THEN BENDS TO ITS MEAL AGAIN)

THE DOCTOR: Oh Ace ...

(HE BREAKS INTO A RUN FOLLOWING THE HOOFPRINTS)

6. EXT. OPEN PLAIN. DAY.

(A DEAD ANIMAL IS LYING ON THE GROUND.

IT LOOKS MUCH LIKE A BUFFALO.

KARRA HAS DISMOUNTED AND IS STANDING OVER THE FALLEN ANIMAL.

ACE IS ON THE HORSE WATCHING.

KARRA GRINS UP AT HER)

KARRA: Good hunting. Good.

ACE: You kill people. You eat people.

(KARRA STUDIES HER SERIOUSLY FOR A MOMENT)

KARRA: When I'm hungry I hunt.
When I hunt I eat.

ACE: Would you eat me?

(KARRA CONSIDERS, SHE LOOKS AT ACE THEN DOWN AT THE DEAD ANIMAL.

KARRA POINTS ONE CLAW ON THE DEAD ANIMAL)

KARRA: There's meat here.

ACE: If there wasn't ... would you hunt me?

KARRA: (GRINS) How fast can you run sister?

ACE: (SWALLOWS, QUIET) Fast enough.

KARRA: (NODS) That would be a
good hunt.

(THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER SERIOUSLY)

Are you hungry? Come and eat.

(KARRA CROUCHES OVER HER KILL.

ACE SLIPS OFF THE HORSE AND JOINS HER.

THE DOCTOR'S VOICE COMES FROM BEHIND)

THE DOCTOR: Ace! (cont ...)

(ACE TURNS.

THE DOCTOR
IS STANDING
AGAINST THE
SKY BEHIND
THEM.

THE DOCTOR HOLDS OUT HIS HAND)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Ace come back.

(ACE LOOKS AT KARRA.

KARRA IS LOOKING AT THE DOCTOR.

SHE DOESN'T MOVE)

Come home.

(THE YELLOW FADES FROM ACE'S EYES.

KARRA TURNS TO HER.

ACE STEPS BACK A PACE, SUDDENLY BACK WITH HERSELF, NERVOUS NOW.

KARRA GRINS, ALL HER TEETH)

KARRA: Good hunting sister.

(ACE GASPS AND TURNS TO RUN TOWARDS THE DOCTOR.

KARRA TURNS BACK TO HER MEAL IGNORING THEM.

ACE GRABS THE DOCTOR IN A TERRIFIED HUG)

ACE: What's happening to me Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: It's alright. We're going home now.

(THE DOCTOR HOLDS ACE LOOKING OVER HER HEAD AT KARRA.

THEIR EYES MEET)

7. EXT. BROKEN GROUND. DAY.

(PATERSON, SHREELA AND DEREK SIT ON THE GROUND, WAITING.

THEY LOOK UP.

THE DOCTOR AND ACE ARE APPROACHING.

ACE STOPS AND LOOKS OVER HER SHOULDER.

THE DOCTOR NOTICES THAT SHE HAS STOPPED.

HE GOES BACK TO HER)

THE DOCTOR: Ace look at me.

(ACE LOOKS UP.

CAT'S EYES)

You're ... possessed. It's the planet. The Cheetah people. You've changed.

ACE: (SOFT) Yes.

THE DOCTOR: You're powerful. Dangerous.

ACE: Yes.

THE DOCTOR: If you stay here, the change will accelerate. If you leave you may never be the same again. If you use your powers ... to leave this place, to fight, to defend yourself ... anything ... the change may accelerate.

ACE: Yes.

THE DOCTOR: But the rest of us are trapped here unless you help us escape.

(ACE LOOKS AT HIM.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS BACK, SERIOUS CONCERNED.

PATERSON, DEREK AND SHREELA SIT WAITING, WATCHING)

ACE: What should I do Professor?

(HE SHAKES HIS HEAD)

Tell me. I trust you.

THE DOCTOR: It's your choice Ace.
(cont ...)

(ACE GRINS.

SHE HOLDS OUT HER HAND.

THE DOCTOR
SMILES BACK,
TAKES ACE'S
HAND, TURNS
AND HOLDS OUT
HIS OTHER HAND
TO SHREELA,
SHREELA TWIGS,
TURNS TO TAKE
DEREK'S HAND,
PATERSON HESITATES
THEN TAKES
DEREK'S.

THEY STAND LINKED, LOOKING EXPECTANTLY AT ACE)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Let's go home Ace.

(ACE BREAKS
INTO A SUDDEN
GRIN, SHE
RUNS FORWARD
LOOKING BACK,
PULLING THEM
ALL AFTER HER
LIKE IT'S A
GAME, SHE
JUMPS INTO
THE AIR.

THEY ALL VANISH)

8. EXT. FIRST PERIVALE STREET. DAY.

(ACE, DOCTOR AND THE OTHERS APPEAR IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EMPTY PERIVALE STREET.

THE TARDIS IS STILL SITTING ON THE PAVEMENT. THEY LOOK AROUND, DAZED.

ACE LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR, THE YELLOW HAS GONE FROM HER EYES. SHE BLINKS AS IF WAKING UP.

SHREELA LAUGHS WITH DELIGHT. SHE WAVES HER ARMS AT THE STREET)

SHREELA: We're back! We're home!

(DEREK AND PATERSON ARE STILL STANDING HAND IN HAND, STUNNED, LOOKING ROUND THEM STUPIDLY)

I've got to get back to my house.

(SHREELA GIVES ACE A BRIEF HUG AND BELTS OFF UP THE STREET.

PATERSON SUDDENLY NOTICES HE IS STILL LINKED TO DEREK. HE DROPS HIS HAND ABRUPTLY) PATERSON: What's your game then?

(HE BACKS OFF STARING AT THEM WITH SUSPICION)

So I had a blackout, perfectly normal, stress, overwork, that's all, I've had medicals. Did you get a Doctor? Should've got a Doctor to me though, that's the least you could've done ... 'stead of keeping me lying about in the street.

(POINTS AT THE DOCTOR)

You are a Doctor right? You should know better.

ACE: Thanks Ace, thanks Doctor, thanks for saving my life, getting me safe home.

(PATERSON DESPERATE TO CONVINCE HIMSELF)

PATERSON: Don't know what you mean, what you talking about?

(HE LOOKS DOWN
AT HIS UNIFORM,
MUD STAINED, TORN,
BRUSHES AT IT IN
IRRITATION)

(MUTTERS) I'm late for self-defence.

(HE TURNS AND WALKS OFF, A BRISK DETERMINED MARCH.

DEREK LOOKS AT
PATERSON RETREATING
LOOKS AT ACE AND
THE DOCTOR, GIGGLES
AND RUNS AWAY UP
THE ROAD.

ACE TURNS TO THE DOCTOR)

ACE: Looks like everything's back to normal.

(ACE AND THE DOCTOR SEEN FROM ABOVE.

A RED EYED KITLING IS LOOKING DOWN ON THEM FROM A WINDOW SILL.

ACE AND THE DOCTOR MOVE TO THE DOOR OF THE TARDIS)

Come on Professor. What do we want to hang around here for?

(THE DOCTOR IS LOOKING ROUND WARILY, LOOKING FOR CLUES)

THE DOCTOR: (ABSTRACTED) Unfinished business.

ACE: What?

THE DOCTOR: The Master.

ACE: What would he still be hanging round here for? Dump of the Universe.

THE DOCTOR: You were the one ...

ACE: ... Who wanted to come home, yeah, yeah, heard it. Listen ...

(ACE BANGS ON THE DOOR OF THE TARDIS)

This is the only home I've got now, O.K.

(THE DOCTOR FOCUSES ON ACE FOR THE FIRST TIME)

THE DOCTOR: Yes. You brought us here. Home ...

(HE LOOKS AT THE TARDIS)

So Midge would ... Where does he live?

ACE: (LOST) Who?

THE DOCTOR: (IRRITATED) Midge!

ACE: I don't know. He used to be in those flats there.

(ACE POINTS.

THE DOCTOR SETS
OFF INSTANTLY IN
THAT DIRECTION.
HE LOOKS BACK
OVER HIS SHOULDER)

THE DOCTOR: Well come on!

(ACE IS STARING AT SOMETHING.

A RED EYED KITLING SITS ON THE PAVEMENT NEAR THE TARDIS.

ACE STARES.

THE DOCTOR'S VOICE FROM AHEAD)

Ace!

(ACE SHAKES HER HEAD. SHE RUNS AFTER THE DOCTOR)

9. INT. MOTORCYCLE SHOWROOM. DAY.

EMPTY BIKE SHOWROOM.

A TELEPHONE OFF THE HOOK ON A DESK. VOICE SPEAKING TINNILY ON THE TELEPHONE. A CUP OF COFFEE SPILLED ON SOME PAPERS.

MIDGE LOOKING AT THE BIGGEST SHINIEST BIKE. HE GETS ON IT)

MIDGE: (SOFT TO HIMSELF) Just the start Midge, just the start.

(MIDGE LAUGHS.
HIS EYES BECOME
CATS EYES. HE LOOKS
OUT THROUGH THE
SHOWROOM WINDOW.

THE MASTER IS OUTSIDE LOOKING IN, HIS EYES ARE CATS EYES AS WELL)

(STARING, HE NODS) Yeah ... Yeah I know what to do.

10. INT. MIDGE'S FLAT. DAY.

(UNTIDY, EMPTY FLAT. THE DOCTOR LOOKING AT A PHOTO OF MIDGE.

ACE LOOKS WITH CONTEMPT AT HIS POSTER COLLECTION)

ACE: Are they still on the go then? They were practically drawing their pensions when I was clubbing it.

(THE DOCTOR IS
LOOKING IN THE
CRACKED MIRROR.
HE SEES SOMETHING
FURRY AND BATTERED
REFLECTED, LYING
ON THE FLOOR.
HE TURNS. THE
SOUND OF STIFLED
SOBBING.

ACE LOOKS OUT THE OPEN DOOR OF THE FLAT.

A LITTLE GIRL IS STARING IN AT THEM, SNIFFLING.

ACE DROPPING TO CROUCH AT HER HEIGHT)

What's up?

GIRL: My cat ...

(ACE LOOKS AT
THE DOCTOR SEES
HIM STUDYING THE
FURRY REMNANT.
HE LOOKS AT HER AND
NODS

ACE: What happened?

GIRL: The bad cat ate it. The bad cat the man brought.

THE DOCTOR: (SHARP) What man?

(THE WEE GIRL JUST STARES AT HIM. SHE SNIFFS.

THE DOCTOR MOVES TO HER)

Can you tell us where he went? It's important.

11. INT. YOUTH CLUB. TRAINING ROOM. DAY.

(THE SAME CROWD
OF YOUNG MEN
AS IN EPISODE 1.
ARE MILLING AROUND
IN THEIR TRAINING
GEAR, GENERAL
HUBBUB, E.G. 'Where's
Sarge?' 'He's late
today isn't he?' ETC.

THE DOOR OPENS.

MIDGE IS STANDING THERE, DARK GLASSES, MADE TO MEASURE SUIT AND SWISH HAIRCUT. THEY ALL FALL SILENT LOOKING AT HIM)

MIDGE: Waiting on the Sarge?

(HE WALKS INTO THE ROOM)

He's been ... held up. He asked me to have a little chat with you.

(THE YOUNG MEN PART TO LET MIDGE WALK THROUGH THEM)

I learned a little secret today. The secret of success. (GRINS) Thought I'd share it with you.

12. EXT. BALCONY/MIDGE'S FLAT. DAY.

(THE DOCTOR AND ACE STAND ON THE BALCONY OUTSIDE MIDGE'S FLAT LOOKING DOWN, BELOW UNCOLLECTED RUBBISH SACKS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY STRAY CATS.

ACE HAS THE LITTLE GIRL BY THE HAND. SHE POINTS UP THE ROAD)

GIRL: Up there, Midge and the bad cat man.

(ACE AND THE DOCTOR EXCHANGE A LOOK)

Midge went away, then he came back, he's my big brother. He's got funny eyes now.

(ACE BENDS OVER HER)

ACE: Where's your Mum, Squeak?

GIRL: She saw the bad cat man, he made her go away.

(ACE STRAIGHTENS UP, FURIOUS)

ACE: What's he doing it for! Why?! He's escaped hasn't he! He doesn't need to keep the Cheetahs busy, he's safe! What's he still doing it for?

THE DOCTOR: Malice.

(ACE BENDS AND PICKS UP THE LITTLE GIRL)

ACE: Her Gran's the next floor up, I'll take her up.

(ACE TURNS TO MOVE OFF HOLDING THE WEE GIRL, TURNS BACK)

But why is he still hanging round here? It's not just malice.

THE DOCTOR: Hate, then. He hates me.

(ACE FROWNS AT HIM, PUZZLED)

He must hope, believe, he's found something ...

ACE: What?

THE DOCTOR: To destroy me.

(THE DOCTOR IS LOOKING DOWN AT THE CATS ON THE RUBBISH SACKS.

TWO SMALLISH KIDS ARE PLAYING AMONG THEM, WRESTLING OVER A TOY, PLAY FIGHTING.

LOTS OF SHOUTS AND MACHINE GUN NOISES)

ACE: (SNORTS) You'd wipe the floor with him.

THE DOCTOR: We've always been an explosive combination. One of us, one day may very well blot the other out.

(THE KIDS ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO HURL EACH OTHER OFF THE RUBBISH SACKS)

If only we could track him down, surprise him before he's ready ...

(ACE GASPS.

THE DOCTOR TURNS.

ACE'S EYES HAVE BECOME CATSEYES, SHE IS STARING FIXEDLY AHEAD.

THE GIRL TOUCHES HER FACE)

GIRL: Bad cat man.

13. EXT. YOUTH CLUB. DAY.

(THE MASTER IS STANDING LOOKING AT THE DOOR OF THE YOUTH CLUB SMILING FAINTLY, HIS EYES ARE CATS EYES)

THE MASTER: (SOFT) Ace ...

14. EXT. BALCONY/MIDGE'S FLAT. DAY.

(THE BALCONY OUTSIDE MIDGE'S FLAT SAME TIME.

ACE STILL CAT'S EYES, STARING PUTS THE GIRL DOWN)

ACE: He's at the Youth Club.

(THE DOCTOR STARES AT HER.

ACE'S EYES REVERT TO NORMAL, SHE BLINKS, BEMUSED)

He's at the Youth Club. I know he is.

15. INT. YOUTH CLUB. TRAINING ROOM. DAY.

(MIDGE IN THE TRAINING ROOM, MID-ORATION.

THE YOUNG MEN ARE
ALL WATCHING HIM
ATTENTIVE BUT
UNCONVINCED,
RESTLESS, SCOWLING,
GLANCING AT EACH
OTHER)

MIDGE: It's common sense right?
It's just the way of the world right?
Survival of the fittest, get rid
of the dead wood, let the wasters
go to the wall and the strong will
inherit the earth. you and me ...
will inherit the earth.

(THE FACES OF THE YOUNG MEN CONSIDERING THIS)

Do you hear what I'm saying? Do you know what I'm talking about?

(MIDGE TAKES OFF HIS GLASSES.

THE YOUNG MEN GASP AND STEP BACK, GLANCING AT EACH OTHER)

Don't move!

(A PARTICULARLY
BRAWNY GUY LOOKS
TO HIS MATES FOR
SUPPORT THEN STEPS
BELLIGERENTLY TOWARDS
MIDGE)

THE MASTER: Don't move.

(THE MEN ALL TURN.

THE MASTER IS STANDING BEHIND THEM, HIS EYES TOO ARE CATS EYES)

(SOFT) Come here.

MIDGE: (ECHOING) Come here.

(THEY ALL SLOWLY TURN TO MIDGE.

THE MASTER STARTS
TO MOVE AMONG
THEM, LOOKING AT
THEM APPRAISINGLY
AS THEY ALL STARE
TRANSFIXED AT MIDGE.

THE MASTER SPEAKS SOFTLY.

MIDGE ECHOES HIM LOUD AND AGRESSIVELY)

THE MASTER: You understand me ...

MIDGE: You understand me alright.

THE MASTER: ... you'll do anything I say.

MIDGE: ... you'll do anything I say.

THE MASTER: Won't you?

MIDGE: Won't you!?

(THE YOUNG MEN STAND TO ATTENTION AND CHORUS)

ALL: Yes Sarge!

(THE MASTER IS NOW STANDING BESIDE MIDGE.

MIDGE GRINS.

PATERSON COMES INTO THE TRAINING ROOM, EVERYONE TURNS TO LOOK AT HIM.

THE YOUNG MEN BLOCK HIS VIEW OF MIDGE AND THE MASTER.

PATERSON, SHUFFLES INTO THE ROOM, BRUSHING DOWN HIS BATTERED UNIFORM. HE SPEAKS HESITANTLY, NOT LOOKING AT THEM)

PATERSON: O.K. lads, sorry I was held up but ... eh ... well duty calls you know ... right ...

(PATERSON LOOKS AT THEM.

THE YOUNG MEN LOOK EXPRESSIONLESSLY BACK.

PATERSON STRAINED ATTEMPT AT ENERGY, CLAPS HIS HANDS)

Well come on then let's get moving let's get a bit of sweat going.

(SILENTLY THE YOUNG MEN PART TO REVEAL MIDGE AND THE MASTER.

THEY SMILE AT PATERSON.

PATERSON DRIES UP, GAPES)

THE MASTER: Why don't you take over now, Midge.

16. EXT. YOUTH CLUB. DAY.

(ACE AND THE DOCTOR APPROACHING THE YOUTH CLUB AT A RUN.

THEY CRASH THROUGH THE DOORS)

17. INT. YOUTH CLUB. TRAINING ROOM. DAY.

(THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN, ACE AND THE DOCTOR PILE INTO THE ROOM THEN CHECK, STARING.

PATERSON IS SPRAWLED IN THE CENTRE OF THE FLOOR STARING SIGHTLESSLY AT THE CEILING.

THE DOCTOR SHAKES HIS HEAD SADLY)

THE DOCTOR: So much for the SAS survival course.

(ACE GASPS
AGAIN, HER
EYES CHANGE)

Where!

18. EXT. WASTEGROUND. DAY.

(WASTEGROUND.

WILLOW HERB, JUNK, A HUGE HEAP OF RUBBISH SACKS PILED INTO A BLACK PLASTIC HILL.

TO ONE SIDE
OF THIS SITS
A LARGE GLEAMING
MOTORCYCLE.

THERE IS NO-ONE IN SIGHT.

ACE AND THE DOCTOR APPROACH SLOWLY, LOOKING ROUND.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS AT THE BIKE. HE SIGHS)

THE DOCTOR: He's chosen the time and the place.

(ACE LOOKS ROUND HER, BEWILDERED, SEARCHING.

THE DOCTOR SITS ON THE BIKE)

Might as well get comfortable before the curtain goes up.

ACE: The trail stops here.

THE DOCTOR: Yes ... (GENTLE) Ace?

(ACE STOPS
SEARCHING ROUND
THEM, LOOKS AT
THE DOCTOR, THE
YELLOW FADES
OUT OF HER EYES)

That's better.

ACE: (MISERABLE) Did I go again?

(THE DOCTOR NODS)

I don't even feel it. I don't even feel myself change. Professor ...? Am I going to stay like this?

(THE SOUND OF AN APPROACHING MOTORBIKE.

THEY TURN.

MIDGE IS COMING OVER THE WASTE-GROUND TOWARDS HIM, THE DEFENCE GROUP JOGGING BEHIND HIM, HE STOPS SOME DISTANCE AWAY.

THE DEFENCE GROUP FORM A TIGHT FORMATION BEHIND HIM.

THEY WAIT, STARING OVER AT THE DOCTOR AND ACE.

THE MASTER MOVES THROUGH THE DEFENCE GROUP TO STAND AT THE FRONT BESIDE MIDGE.

THE MASTER'S CATS EYES STARING AT THE DOCTOR.

THE DOCTOR STARING BACK.

ACE'S FACE. CATS EYES AGAIN)

THE DOCTOR: Stay out of this Ace.

(ACE LOOKS AT HIM AS IF SHE'S HARDLY HEARD.

THE MASTER SPEAKS SOFTLY CLOSE TO MIDGE'S EAR)

THE MASTER: You're my hunting dog, the teeth for my trap, the teeth to destroy!

(THE MASTER TAKES OUT MIDGE'S LONG TOOTH KNIFE AND PUTS IT IN HIS HAND. MIDGE STARES FRONT, SMART SUIT, CATS EYES, CARNIVORES TOOTH CLENCHED LIKE A KNIFE OVER THE HANDLEBARS, HE REVS THE ENGINE AGAIN.

THE DOCTOR
LOOKS DOWN AT
THE OTHER
MOTOR BIKE.
HE GETS OFF
IT, TURNS
TO ACE.

ACE IS STARING FIXEDLY TOWARDS MIDGE.

THE DOCTOR
GRABS HER ARM)

THE DOCTOR: Ace listen to me ... Listen to me!

(ACE SLOWLY TURNS TO LOOK AT HIM)

You mustn't fight. Do you understand? You must not fight. You'd change. Can you hear me Ace? You'd change.

(ACE LOOKS AT HIM, EXPRESSIONLESS THEN SHE NODS.

HER EYES RETURN TO NORMAL)

ACE: (SERIOUS) O.K. Professor. (cont ...)

(THE DOCTOR
HANDS HER HIS
HAT THEN TURNS
AWAY FROM HER
MOVING TO THE
MOTORBIKE.

MIDGE REVS HIS ENGINE AGAIN.

THE DOCTOR GETS
ON THE BIKE AND
KICKS IT INTO
LIFE. HE
MOVES OUT TILL
HE IS FACING
MIDGE AND
THE MASTER.

THE MASTER ON ONE SIDE.

THE DOCTOR ON THE OTHER.

HIGH NOON.

THEY WAIT.

SUDDENLY THE MASTER SNAPS HIS FINGERS.

MIDGE ACCELERATES FORWARD.

THE DOCTOR SHOOTS FORWARD A SECOND LATER.

ACE WATCHING.

MIDGE'S FACE LOW OVER THE HANDLE BARS, CATS EYES SQUINTING AGAINST THE ACCELERATION, SNARLING TOOTH KNIFE IN ONE HAND.

THE DOCTOR LOW OVER HIS HANDLEBARS STARING GRIMLY AHEAD.

THE WASTEGROUND
THE BIKES SCREAMING
TOWARDS EACH OTHER,
STRAIGHT FOR EACH
OTHER, STRAIGHT
FOR COLLISION.

ACE WATCHING.

SHE SCREAMS. SHE TURNS AWAY)

ACE: (cont) No! (cont ...)

(EXPLOSION.

ACE'S FACE LIT ORANGE BY THE FLAMES.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION SHE LOOKS BACK.

THE WRECK OF BOTH BIKES TANGLED IN THE CENTRE OF THE WASTEGROUND, BLAZING. THEY HAVE CRASHED RIGHT BESIDE THE MOUNTAIN OF RUBBISH SACKS.

MIDGE IS LYING CHARRED AND BATTERED MOVING FEEBLY TO ONE SIDE OF THE WRECK.

THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE DOCTOR.

ACE TAKES A
STEP FORWARD
CLUTCHING
THE DOCTOR'S
HAT TO HER CHEST)

ACE: (cont) (WHISPERED) No.

(THE MASTER AT THE FRONT OF THE DEFENCE GROUP WHO ARE STILL STANDING MOTIONLESS.

MIDGE TRYING TO GET UP OFF THE GROUND. HE STILL HOLDS HIS TOOTH KNIFE.

THE MASTER
AND THE GROUP
WATCHING
EXPRESSIONLESSLY)

THE MASTER: (SOFT) Survival of the fittest. The weak must be eliminated so that the healthy can flourish.

(THE DEFENCE GROUP LOOK AT THE MASTER.

MIDGE STILL STRUGGLING)

Well?

(THE DEFENCE GROUP BREAKS INTO A TROT CONVERGING ON THE CRIPPLED MIDGE.

ACE WATCHING, HORRIFIED.

MIDGE LOOKS UP, SEES THEM COMING. TERROR.

THE DEFENCE GROUP BOOTS POUNDING ON THE GROUND.

ACE'S FACE.

THE DEFENCE GROUP SURROUND MIDGE)

ACE: Stop it! Stop it! (cont ...)

(A CRY FROM MIDGE, THEN SILENCE.

THE DEFENCE GROUP ALL LOOK ROUND AT ACE.

SLOWLY THEY START TO MOVE TOWARDS HER.

BEHIND THEM
MIDGE LIES
IN A BATTERED
MOTIONLESS HEAP.

ACE BACKING OFF SLOWLY, MUTTERING)

ACE: (cont) I must not fight ... I must not fight.

(ACE LOOKS DOWN AT THE DOCTOR'S HAT IN HER HANDS. LOOKS DESPERATELY AROUND.

THE SMOULDERING WRECK, MIDGE'S BODY.

THE MASTER STANDING BEYOND)

Doctor!

(THE ADVANCING DEFENCE GROUP MOVING IN MENACING FORMATION.

THE MASTER, HE SMILES)

Doctor!

(SHE LOOKS ROUND WILDLY FOR ESCAPE OR RESCUE)

Help me! Somebody help me!

(THE FACES OF THE DEFENCE GROUP, THEY GRIN, SUDDENLY THEY STOP, LOOKING UP, FRIGHTENED.

ACE TURNS.

BEHIND HER KARRA IS SITTING ON HER HORSE, MOTIONLESS)

KARRA: (SOFT) The Chase, to hunt in the morning and live till evening, run out of the light and slip into the dark, smell the blood on the wind, hear your blood in your ears, die at last with your enemies' blood in your mouth.

(ACE WATCHING SPELLBOUND.

THE DEFENCE GROUP, BACKING OFF NERVOUSLY.

THE MASTER
BEHIND LOOKING
FURIOUS)

With your enemies' ... blood ... in your mouth.

(KARRA THROWS
BACK HER HEAD
AND GIVES A
LONG PURRING
HOWL THEN SPURS
HER HORSE
FORWARD.

SHE CHARGES STRAIGHT AT THE DEFENCE GROUP, THEY SCATTER.

KARRA WHEELS
AND CHASES ONE,
THEN ANOTHER,
THE DEFENCE
GROUP RUN,
TWO PAST ACE
TWO PAST
THE MASTER,
NEITHER ACE
OR THE MASTER
HAVE MOVED.

KARRA CHECKS HER HORSE.

SHE LOOKS DOWN AT THE MASTER.

HE LOOKS BACK APPARENTLY UNIMPRESSED.

KARRA SPURS
THE HORSE
STRAIGHT AT
HIM. HE HOLDS
HIS GROUND,
SHE PULLS UP
THE HORSE BEFORE
IT CRASHES INTO
HIM, HESITATES.

THE MASTER LOOKS
UP AT HER STEADILY)

THE MASTER: (QUIET) Get off the horse.

(KARRA STILL HESITATES)

(COMMAND) Get off the horse! (cont ...)

(SLOWLY KARRA SLIPS OUT OF THE SADDLE.

ACE GAPES)

THE MASTER: (cont) You have no power here. This is not your place. I command here, I command you, you have no power over me.

(KARRA LISTENS
HER HEAD ON
ONE SIDE,
FROZEN, SEEMINGLY
HYPNOTISED)

I can do anything I wish with you and you can do nothing nothing, to me.

(KARRA LOOKS AT HIM)

KARRA: Do you bleed?

(THE MASTER SHOCKED THAT SHE IS UNAFFECTED)

I can always do something to you, if you bleed.

(KARRA BARES HER TEETH IN A SMILE.

THE MASTER STARES AT HER FOR ONE HORRIFIED MOMENT THEN STARTS TO BACK OFF.

KARRA THROWS BACK HER HEAD HOWLS AGAIN, LEAPS AFTER HIM.

THE MASTER RUNS.

ACE WATCHING.

THE MASTER
BELTING PAST
MIDGE'S BODY
BENDING AS HE
RUNS TO SNATCH
THE TOOTH/KNIFE
FROM MIDGE'S
DEAD HAND.

ACE SEES HIM.

KARRA IS NEARLY ON HIS BACK)

ACE: Karra!

(KARRA LEAPS, THE MASTER TURNS STABBING HER AS SHE SPRINGS AT HIM.

KARRA FALLS TO HER KNEES.

THE MASTER LEAPS OVER THE HEAPS OF RUBBISH OUT OF SIGHT.

ACE RUNS TO KARRA)

19. EXT. WASTEGROUND. SECOND AREA. DAY.

(THE MASTER
ON HIS HANDS
AND KNEES ON
THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE PILE
OF RUBBISH
SACKS, PANTING.

WE HEAR ACE'S DESOLATE WAIL)

ACE: Karra!

(THE MASTER SMILES HE STRAIGHTENS UP THEN PAUSES.

AN ARM IS STICKING OUT OF A HEAP OF RUBBISH.

CAUTIOUSLY THE MASTER APPROACHES.

THE DOCTOR IS SPRAWLED FACE DOWN IN THE RUBBISH, HE DOESN'T MOVE.

THE MASTER
LAUGHS, A LITTLE
CHUCKLE FIRST
THEN REAL BELLY
LAUGH. STILL
CHUCKLING HE
STRIDES OFF.

A PAUSE THEN THE DOCTOR MOVES, HE SITS UP, BRUSHING GUNK OF HIS CLOTHES.

THE DOCTOR
SPITS OUT
SOMETHING
REPULSIVE,
GLARES AFTER
THE MASTER)

THE DOCTOR: Oh very good, very amusing.

(HE FOLLOWS THE MASTER)

20. EXT. WASTEGROUND. DAY.

(KARRA HAS COLLAPSED FACE DOWN.

ACE KNEELS BY HER, PULLS HER OVER.

ACE GASPS.

KARRA'S FACE
IS NO LONGER
A CHEETAH FACE,
HER EYES ARE
STILL YELLOW
BUT HER FACE
IS THAT OF A
YOUNG WOMAN,
SAME AGE AS
ACE.

SHE SMILES)

KARRA: I can hunt in the dark.

ACE: I'll get you water. I'll make you well again.

KARRA: I can run ... into the dark ...

(KARRA GROANS SUDDENLY FACE CRUMPLING IN PAIN)

ACE: Just wait! I'll get you something!

(KARRA SHAKES HER HEAD SLOWLY.

KARRA SMILES)

KARRA: (SOFT) Good hunting sister.

ACE: (CRYING NOW) Good hunting.

(SLOWLY THE YELLOW FADES OUT OF KARRA'S EYES.

ACE'S FACE, CRYING.

KARRA STARING BLINDLY UP AT ACE.

SHE IS DEAD.

ACE TOUCHES
HER FACE LIKE
SHE ONCE TOUCHED
HER FUR BY THE
LAKE)

21. EXT. FIRST PERIVALE STREET. DAY.

(THE STREET WITH THE TARDIS.

THE MASTER IS PRESSED AGAINST THE DOOR, FIDDLING WITH THE LOCK.

THE DOCTOR
APPROACHES HIM
OUIETLY.

THE KITLING IS SITTING LOOKING UP AT HIM FROM THE PAVEMENT.

THE KITLINGS RED EYES.

THE DOCTOR
LOOKS AT THE
KITLING FOR
A SECOND THEN
CLEARS HIS
THROAT.

THE MASTER SPINS ROUND, GLARING)

THE DOCTOR: (SMILE) Good hunting?

THE MASTER: Yes, it would have been too easy. It seems we must always meet again.

THE DOCTOR: They do say opposites attract.

THE MASTER: This is the end Doctor. (cont ...)

(THE MASTER'S EYES TURN)

THE MASTER: (cont) Can you see it?

(THE DOCTOR NODS)

It's a power. A power from that planet. It's growing in me.

(THE MASTER IS SLOWLY ADVANCING ON THE DOCTOR)

Are you frightened yet Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: (CALM) No.

THE MASTER: But you should be. You should be. It nearly beat me, such a simple brutal power, just the power of tooth and claw, it nearly destroyed me, a Time lord. But I won. I controlled that force Doctor and now ... at last ... I have the power to destroy you!

(ON THE LAST WORD THE MASTER LUNGES AND GRABS THE DOCTOR BY THE THROAT)

22. EXT. BONE HEAP. DAY.

(THE PLANET.

THE DOCTOR AND THE MASTER ARE GRAPPLING IN A SPOIL HEAP OF BONES.

THE SKY IS DARK ABOVE THEM, CLOUDS OF BLACK FUMES FLASHING RED WITH FIRE.

THEY FIGHT IN SLOW MOTION, AS ACE AND KARRA HUNTED.

THE SOUND OF SNARLING, YOWLING CATS FIGHTING OVER THIS.

THEY GRAPPLE HANDS AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS.

THE MASTER FLINGS THE DOCTOR BACK, HE TUMBLES OVER, SHATTERING RIB CAGES.

THE MASTER RAISES A BONE AND BRINGS IT SMASHING DOWN.

THE DOCTOR DODGES.

THE MASTER LOSES HIS BALANCE AND TOPPLES FORWARD, THE DOCTOR CLUBS HIM WITH ANOTHER BONE.

THE MASTER FALLS.

THE DOCTOR SCRAMBLES TO HIS FEET.

HE RAISES A SKULL.

THE MASTER LOOKING UP.

THE DOCTOR LOOMS OVER HIM. SKULL RAISED. ABOVE HIM CLEAR SKY, THE PLANETS TWO MOONS.

THE DOCTOR FREEZES.

THE SOUND OF FIGHTING CATS CUTS CATS, THE MOTION SLOWS.

A GROUP OF CHEETAH PEOPLE SIT ON THEIR HORSES WATCHING THE FIGHT.

THE WIND BLOWS
THE HORSES DECORATIONS.
THERE IS NO
OTHER MOVEMENT.

THE DOCTOR LOOKING DOWN AT THE MASTER.

THE MASTER LOOKING UP.

THE DOCTOR LOWERS HIS WEAPON. HE LOOKS ROUND.

THE CHEETAH PEOPLE STARE FOR A SECOND THEN WHEEL THEIR HORSES AND GALLOP AWAY.

THERE IS A RUMBLE FROM THE VOLCANOES, A FLASH OF FIRE.

WHERE THE CHEETAHS WERE THE LANDSCAPE IS EMPTY)

THE DOCTOR: (TO HIMSELF) Time to go.

(THE MASTER STARES UP AT THE DOCTOR)

THE MASTER: We're trapped here. Trapped here forever this time. We will become animals, hunting each other down, fighting, forever, till we've no strength left.

THE DOCTOR: We don't have to fight.

(THE MASTER STANDS UP SLOWLY.

HE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE DOCTOR, HE SMILES)

THE MASTER: You should have killed me Doctor.

(THE MASTER GRABS THE DOCTOR'S THROAT.

A HUGE EXPLOSION AS THE VOLCANOES ON THE HORIZON ERUPT.

THE MASTER AND THE DOCTOR SWAY BALANCED AGAINST EACH OTHER.

SLOW MOTION AGAIN, THEIR IMAGES ARE DISTORTED AS IF SEEN THROUGH HEAT AND FUMES, RED AND BLACK.

THE SKY ABOVE THEM IS A MASS OF FIRE AND SMOKE.

THE MASTER'S
HANDS AT THE
DOCTOR'S THROAT,
THE DOCTOR'S AT
THE MASTER'S.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS, IT'S RAINING CINDERS.

THE DOCTOR TEARS AT THE MASTER'S HANDS.

THE DOCTOR'S VOICE
IS DISTORTED AS
THE CATS YOWLS WERE,
HE IS SHOUTING
OVER EXPLOSIONS)

THE DOCTOR: The planet! It's disentegrating! It's the end of the planet!

(FIRE AND FUMES ALL ROUND THEM)

We have to escape!

(THE MASTER, GRINS HORRIBLY.

THE MASTER'S VOICE IS SIMILIARLY DISTORTED)

THE MASTER: We can't! We'll die together Doctor. There is no escape!

23. EXT. FIRST PERIVALE STREET. DAY.

THE DOCTOR: Yes there is.

(THE MASTER'S EYES. TIGHT C.U.

THE YELLOW IS FADING FROM THEM.

PULL BACK TO SHOW THE DOCTOR AND THE MASTER STILL LINKED, ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE TARDIS BACK IN PERIVALE.

THE DOCTOR BRUSHES THE MASTER'S HANDS AWAY.

THE MASTER FALLS BACK, SHAKEN)

THE MASTER: The planet ...?

THE DOCTOR: It isn't there anymore. It's ... destroyed.

THE MASTER: How?

THE DOCTOR: It was too old ... too dangerous. And I said we were an explosive combination.

THE MASTER STARES AT THE DOCTOR WITH GROWING HORRIFIED REALISATION)

THE MASTER: Yes, but how did it happen? How did we get back here? Who are you?

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS AT HIM QUIZZICALLY)

What are you?

THE DOCTOR: (GRINS) We were at university together. Remember?

(THE MASTER SHAKES HIS HEAD)

THE MASTER: You're not a Time Lord!

(THE DOCTOR WINCES, HE DOESN'T WANT TO GET INTO THIS)

THE DOCTOR: Well strictly speaking ... that is to say ... well not just a Time Lord. We all have to evolve a bit, as the years go by.

(HE LOOKS AT THE MASTER, MURMURS)

Evolve or become extinct.

THE MASTER: What are you?

(THE DOCTOR DRAWS HIMSELF UP.

HE GRINS WICKEDLY)

THE DOCTOR: Shall we just say I'm multi talented?

(ON THE PAVEMENT, THE KITLING IS STILL WATCHING.

THE MASTER LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR IN APPREHENSION)

THE MASTER: What are you going to do with me?

THE DOCTOR: You asked me to rescue you.

(THE MASTER WAITS)

(SHRUGS) Consider yourself rescued. Do what you like.

(THE DOCTOR TURNS AWAY TO THE TARDIS, WHISTLING.

THE MASTER STARES AT HIS BACK IN PURE HATRED)

THE MASTER: (SOFT) Time Lord or not Doctor, you will find I cannot be so easily dismissed ... or ignored. (cont...)

(THE KITLING WATCHES.

THE MASTER SEES IT. HE RISES, SNATCHES THE ANIMAL UP) THE MASTER: (cont) Till another time Doctor. Another time.

(THE DOCTOR WHEELS IN ALARM)

THE DOCTOR: Wait! Don't be an ...

(THE MASTER AND THE KITLING VANISH)

(QUIET) Idiot. Where can you go? (HE SIGHS)

(A WOMAN'S VOICE)

WOMAN: Did you hear that racket?

(THE DOCTOR TURNS, A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN IS LEANING OUT OF HER WINDOW, LOOKING UP AND DOWN THE STREET)

Did you hear it? Flipping cat fights all hours of the day.

THE DOCTOR: I think you'll find things quietening down now.

WOMAN: (SNORTS) So you say. Flipping cats. It's the owners I blame, they want the pet right, they want the animal but do they keep it under control?

(THE DOCTOR SMILES UP AT HER)

THE DOCTOR: We try.

WOMAN: (SNORTS AGAIN) So you say.

(THE WOMAN BANGS THE WINDOW DOWN)

24. EXT. WASTEGROUND. DAY.

(KARRA LYING
ON THE WRECKED
BIKES LIKE A
FUNERAL BYRE,
HER HANDS ARE
CROSSED ON HER
CHEST OVER
MIDGE'S KNIFE.

THE PYRE IS JUST STARTING TO BLAZE.

ACE STANDING LOOKING AT THEM.

ACE'S FACE WATCHING THE PYRE. WE SEE HER FACE THROUGH THE HEAT OF THE FLAMES.

THE DOCTOR APPEARS AT HER SHOULDER, PUTS HIS ARM ROUND HER.

WITHOUT LOOKING ACE HANDS HIM HIS HAT)

ACE: Felt like I could run forever. Felt like I could smell the wind and feel the grass under my feet and just run forever.

THE DOCTOR: You can never leave the planet because you carry it with you ... inside yourself.

ACE: Good.

THE DOCTOR: Let's go back to the Tardis.

(ACE LOOKS UP AT HIM)

Let's go home Ace.

(ACE SMILES FAINTLY.

ARM IN ARM
THEY TURN AND
WALK AWAY FROM
THE BONFIRE)

FADE OUT